AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

1-15. (Canceled)

- 16. (New) A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising: generating a command sequence; transmitting the command sequence to a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle; and processing the command sequence in a processing unit in the monitoring unit.
- 17. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, wherein:
 the command sequence determines a type of operating data recording.
- 18. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, wherein:

 the command sequence is generated in a remote location and is transmitted wirelessly from the remote location to the processing unit.
- 19. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, wherein:
 the command sequence is transmitted by a mobile storage medium.
- 20. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, wherein:
 the command sequence is transmitted via a mobile telephone network.
- 21. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising: checking the command sequence in the processing unit.
- 22. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising: storing the command sequence in a storage unit.

- 23. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising: transmitting data from the monitoring unit.
- 24. (New) The method as recited in Claim 16, further comprising: transmitting a message when a specific criterion is met.
- 25. (New) A device for recording operating data, comprising: an arrangement for generating a command sequence; a communication module for transmitting the command sequence to a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle;
 - a processing unit for processing the command sequence; and a storage unit.
- 26. (New) The device as recited in Claim 25, further comprising: a display unit.
- 27. (New) The device as recited in Claim 25, further comprising: operational control elements.
- 28. (New) A method for recording operating data of a motor vehicle, comprising: causing a monitoring unit in the motor vehicle to receive a generated command sequence; and processing the generated command sequence in a processing unit in the monitoring unit.
- 29. (New) A recording medium storing a computer program that when executed results in a performance of a method comprising:

generating a command sequence; transmitting the command sequence to a monitoring unit in a motor vehicle; and processing the command sequence in a processing unit in the monitoring unit.